



CONNERY CLAMPS

Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

There are citizens who believe that it is contrary to good public policy in a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single family.

The threats made by members of the Connery gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs. The result is startling and of interest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally.

No wonder some of this gang of public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois, County of Cook and City of Chicago. Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wondering why all of the public jobs are not given to Connerys.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is to be sure.

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their well-known hankering for good things.

"State Street Store" Blocki as you may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal business, is a member of the Board of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your ballots.

Good stories of city contracts and of other connections in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration.

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will attest. But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connerys are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard to defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was great.

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an over-diet of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweitzer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connerys are not asking for much.

It is reported that Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Connery will not seek Republican nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present efficient Democratic incumbent of that office.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will seek a re-nomination for Recorder of Deeds.

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D., may get back his former official job as Inspector for Attorney General Lucy.

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review, until next year.

So William J. Connery, nephew of John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salaried job as Blocki's Secretary.

But by next year a few more of them may be crowded for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Connery first—the rest nowhere.

JUICY JOBS FOR CONNERYS

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs."

Below is a list of Connery's relatives that are on the public payroll.

Francis D. Connery.

Alderman 1901-1903—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

Alderman 1907-1909—2 years—\$1,500—\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915—6 years—\$5,000—\$30,000.

Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,000 per year, 1915.

When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Sanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was let out of his position.

Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Francis).

As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,000—\$36,000.

M. F. Connery.

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,500—\$6,240.

Henry Connery (Brother of Francis).

In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

Michael M. Connery (Brother of above).

Inspector in Attorney General's office 4 years at \$2,500—\$10,000.

William J. Connery (Nephew of above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years at \$1,500—\$9,000.

James J. Riordan (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office.

James P. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not stated.

Several Women Relatives—Clerks in Recorder's office. Salaries not stated.

One Woman Relative—Truant officer. Salary not stated.

Other small positions held by Connerys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

William J. Riordan (Nephew of Francis).

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at \$1,320—\$7,920.

The circular winds up with this statement:

"Other Connerys are holding office besides those mentioned above."

The above circular circulated by

28th Ward Democrats at a recent primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a brother of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother of Henry Connery, State Bank Examiner.

If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

Unless the sixty-seven teachers ousted from the Chicago public schools are reinstated they have no chance of ever getting pensions from the Chicago teachers' pension fund. A joker in the pension bill passed by the legislature three years ago provides that no teacher shall

DEMOCRATIC WORKERS SORE

Discontent Among Democratic Workers Is Increasing Over the Tendency of Democratic Bosses to Give the Best Jobs to Members of One Family.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review.

They have known right along this of all's private secretary was a Connery.

They have known right along that the Attorney General's Office investigates matters connected with public offices.

They have known right along that an Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was a Connery.

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery.

They have known right along that the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery—the Comptroller of the District.

They have known right along that the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery.

They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook County are moneycombed with Connerys.

They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year,

DUNNE WILL LEAD

Popular Governor Will Head Democratic Ticket and Will Be Renominated at the Coming Primary.

Governor Edward F. Dunne will be renominated by the Democrats at the coming primary, September 13.

There is very little opposition to him, and this is confined to disappointed office seekers and chronic office-holders who never get enough.

The Governor's fine record speaks for itself and is appreciated by the masses of the people.

Governor Edward F. Dunne will be renominated by the Democrats. In an address to the public just issued, the Governor says:

"During the Forty-eighth general assembly, notwithstanding the fact that the Democratic members of both houses were in a minority, I had the satisfaction of seeing twelve of the eighteen measures recommended by me placed upon the statute books."

Following is the list of twelve measures which the Governor says were placed on the statute books during his administration:

Ratification of amendment to Fed-

The law consolidating the fish and game commissions and reforming the abuses of the old separate commissions.

"In addition to the above," the statement adds, "I took pleasure in furthering the passage of and signing the bill known as the workmen's compensation act, which revised the law of 1911, and which provides, without litigation, compensation to injured employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment."

"Likewise during my administration the Forty-eighth general assembly passed coal mining laws providing for greater safety in mining operations and the establishment of rescue stations. It also passed the electric headlight bill and other remedial legislation."

PEOPLE ARE WITH HOYNE

State's Attorney Macley Hoyne is out with a statement announcing his candidacy for re-election. His platform is to be, he asserts, the record of his achievements during the last four years, and on this record he asks the voters to assist him. His statement follows:

"I have decided to be a candidate for re-election as state's attorney, and to that end shall seek a re-nomination from the Democratic party at the September primary."

"This conclusion results chiefly from the advice and assurances of support I have received from over 1,000 citizens of different political parties, who are leaders in business, labor, professional and civic affairs. They inform me they will soon elect officers and organize for an energetic campaign."

"I regret that the existing election laws make it necessary for candidates for State's Attorney and other municipal offices to seek a partisan nomination. National politics and policies, and politics generally, should have not the slightest connection with the office of State's Attorney and such offices. Since the election in 1912 I have conducted the State's Attorney's office on this theory. Upon the record made during this period I stand."

"I ask the aid and votes of the voters of the Democratic party at the September primary upon that record, regardless of their previous factional connections, sympathies or activities."

"My determination to be a candidate is and will remain unaffected by the action, desires or wishes of any individual, or group of individuals, assuming to give orders to the mass of the party voters of this county or to myself."

"I feel it necessary to say this because of silly newspaper articles to the effect that certain Democratic leaders were organizing a local 'Tammany,' and that candidates for party nominations in this county would be compelled by a pledge to turn over the power of appointment and other patronage of the offices they sought to some committee or group of leaders."

"I never have nor will I ever sign, give or make such a pledge, or any pledge whatever other than that I make in public to the voters of Cook County. I disclaim any intention or desire, singly or jointly, to Tammany-ize any official or private citizen, and I know that I will permit no one to familiarize me or any office I ever hold or hope to hold."

"I recognize," he said, "under the existing election laws, the legality and propriety of each political party choosing a county central committee, and that committees have certain powers and duties to perform."

"Although the nomination of candidates for State's Attorney and county officers generally is not one of the functions of the county central committee, and although its endorsement or failure to endorse binds neither the voters of the party nor the candidate, I realize the county central committee, through its reorganization, can give greatest aid to a candidate for nomination."

"Having this in mind, and subject to what has been said above, I shall seek the aid and endorsement of my candidacy for nomination from the present duly elected county central committee of the Democratic party, and hope, upon my record in office, I may receive it."

"I have referred to my record in office, so in conclusion let me say that this record is not one of drastic, harsh

and relentless prosecutions. No public official or private citizen, minister, priest or rabbi ever asked leniency or mercy for the young, ignorant, poor or misguided first offender in vain. It is to the habitual criminal and betrayer of public trust alone that a deaf ear has been turned."

GANG BOYCOTTS AND BLACKLISTS

A gang of political bosses and job-holders are busily engaged in violating the State law against the boycott and the blacklist.

Notwithstanding their pull, they may land in the penitentiary.

Advertisers in The Eagle who are approached by these fellows are requested to make a note of the visit and report the same to this office.

If any two or more persons conspire or agree together for the purpose of establishing a so-called boycott or blacklist with intent wrongfully and maliciously to injure the person, character, business, employment or property of another, WHETHER AS INDIVIDUALS or as the officers of any society or organization, they shall be deemed guilty of conspiracy and every such offender, whether as individuals or officers of any organization, and every person convicted of conspiracy at common law shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding five years and fined not exceeding \$2,000 or both.—Section 45, Chapter 38, Criminal Code of Illinois.

CONNERY ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 1916

STATE OFFICES.
State Auditor.
Election November 7, 1916.
Auditor of Public Accounts.
State Auditor's Office.
Bank Examiner—Henry T. Connery.
Election November 7, 1916.
SANITARY DISTRICT OF CHICAGO.
President of the Sanitary District of Chicago—
Francis D. Connery.
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COUNTY OFFICES.
Recorder of Deeds.
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Trustees of the Sanitary District.
Election November 7, 1916.
Sanitary District of Chicago.
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KICKHAM SCANLAN,
Highly Respected Judge of the Circuit Court.

be entitled to a pension unless she has put in the last fifteen years of her service exclusively in schools of Chicago.

This, in the opinion of I. T. Greenacre, counsel for the Teachers' Federation, will make it impossible for any of the ousted teachers to benefit by the pension law, although many of them have put in more than twenty years of service in Chicago.

An effort will be made to have the teachers reinstated when the board of education reconvenes Wednesday. Eleven votes are needed to re-elect and the board stands about evenly divided as to the teachers.

The death of Charles French in New York has cost the teachers one vote. There are now eight members favorable to reinstatement, nine against and two who may be classed as doubtful.

These two are Dr. Peter C. Clementsen, whose proposal to have an investigation of the teachers' cases was voted down at the last meeting, and Charles S. Peterson.

whose office contains several Connerys, is a Connery.

HOPP HEADS IT

Committee on Political Action Named by Moving Picture Exhibitors' League.

A committee on political action has been named by the Illinois branch of the Moving Picture Exhibitors' League of America and meets daily at room 1413 Masonic temple. Candidates, especially for legislative offices, are urged to express their stand on motion picture interests.

The committee consists of Joseph Hopp, W. J. Sweeney, Louis H. Frank, Adolph Powell, George M. Laing, A. Zillgen, Jr., M. A. Choyinski, and George Henry. The League has endorsed Gov. Dunne because of his veto of the state censorship bill.

eral constitution providing for election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The Public Utilities Commission law.

The law empowering all cities in the State to own and operate public utilities.

The law authorizing employment of convicts on roads.

The law establishing an epileptic colony.

The law providing for rotation of names of candidates for state offices on ballots.

The law creating the legislative reference bureau.

The law creating efficiency and economy committee.

The law amending the 2-cent railway fare act so as to make it apply to children.

The law creating a state highway commission and providing for the building of good roads.

The law compelling corporations to pay wages semi-monthly.